GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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VITREO RETINAL SURGERY UNIT
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for starting Vitreo Retinal Surgery Unit at Medical College Hospital in Kottayam;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to open Regional Institute of Medical Science at Tiruppur;and

(d) if so, the steps taken for early commissioning of the said institute?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): A proposal was received from the State Government of Kerala seeking central assistance amounting to Rs.90 lakh under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) for starting Vitreo Retinal Surgery Unit at Medical College Hospital in Kottayam, Kerala during the financial year 2009-10. Considering provision in the approved scheme and Programme Implementation Plan (PIP), central assistance amounting to Rs.40 lakh in the form of grant-in-aid for Ophthalmic Equipment has been released through the Kerala State Blindness Control Society for strengthening of Government Medical College, Kottayam, Kerala during 2009-10 under NPCB.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal to open Regional Institute of Medical Sciences at Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu.